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Coastal Patrol Boats on Ch'o-do

1. [] one steamship, the OSUNG-HO,¹ and two wooden motor boats were based at Sosa-ri (N 38-32, E 124-50) (XC-6366) on Ch'o-do and patrolled the coastal area around the island. During the day the OSUNG-HO patrolled the route between Ch'o-do and Monggump'o (XC-5627). The two small boats patrolled day and night mainly between XC-6565 and XC-6363.
2. Prior to the outbreak of the Korean war, the OSUNG-HO, which was built in 1947, was based in Chinnamp'o. In December 1950 it was moved to the vicinity of Mayomni (XC-9986) where it was less vulnerable to air attack. It was a 90-ton, steel-hulled ship about 65 feet long, 13 feet wide, and 17 feet high with a draft of about 5 feet. Prior to the armistice it had a diesel engine and was capable of a speed of about 7 knots. After the armistice the diesel engine was replaced by a steam engine and the speed was increased to about 10 knots. The ship was equipped with a radio and a searchlight (but no radar), 6 Soviet heavy machine guns, and 5 light machine guns. In addition, the crew of 20 had an undetermined number of rifles, pistols, and PPSH's.¹
3. The two wooden motor boats, referred to as the No. 1 and the No. 2 Patrol Boat, were 35 feet long, 10 feet wide, and 6 feet high. They were 10-ton boats with GAZ engines and had a speed of about 8 knots. Each had a crew of 10 men. Equipment consisted of 2 light machine guns and an undetermined number of rifles.

North Korean Navy and Civilian Personnel on Ch'o-do

4. [] an unidentified North Korean navy unit with about 700 men was on Ch'o-do. The headquarters was at Sosa-ri with troops dispersed along the

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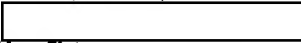
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coast between Sosa-ri and XC-635635. They were engaged in guarding the coast and in constructing fortifications. The north and west sides of the island were not occupied. In addition to the navy unit, about 600 civilians from the mainland were mobilized to cut timber, aid in the construction of fortifications, and to act as crew members for 30 small wooden sail boats harbored in Sosa-ri.

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1. Comment. According to information available  a ship named the OH SONG HO patrolled the Chinnamp'o area. It had a speed of 10 to 13 knots, was about 50 feet long and 11 feet wide, and was equipped with one recoilless weapon, four machine guns, and individual weapons.

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